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Gentlemen:

The Shasta County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the State Water Resources Control Board's "Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecosystem." We have also reviewed the Department of Fish and Game's "Quantifiable Biological Objectives and Flow Criteria for Aquatic and Terrestrial Species of Concern on the Delta." As elected officials upstream of the Delta, we are very concerned with the tenor of these reports. The legislation that mandated these reports spoke of "coequal goals" but these reports do not. They reflect an apparent disregard for the environment and economy of Shasta County and the Sacramento Valley. Their flow proposals would have devastating consequences here in the Area of Origin.

Shasta Lake engenders \$60,000,000 per year in local economic activity – when it's full. Please refer to the attached graphs prepared by MBK Engineers. They show probable Shasta Lake water levels under existing operational criteria and under the operational criteria set forth in these reports. The comparisons are not favorable. The proposed Delta flows draw down lake levels under virtually all scenarios. Power generation declines. The cold water pool for salmon and steelhead is diminished. Lake-related aquatic species and recreational pursuits are adversely impacted. The scenarios would reduce North of the Delta water deliveries by 67 percent, contravening Area of Origin considerations. These resources are essential to our community. The proposed flows need to be considered in light of their full consequences – as the "coequal goals" require.

We understand that various proceedings will continue regarding Bay-Delta flows. These proposals will presumably be further deliberated. We encourage the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, Delta Stewardship Council, and the various other agencies and commissions to seek out a fuller understanding of existing operations. Needs and resources must be balanced for myriad users. The full range of competing values must be reflected in the "final" reports as the coequal goals require.

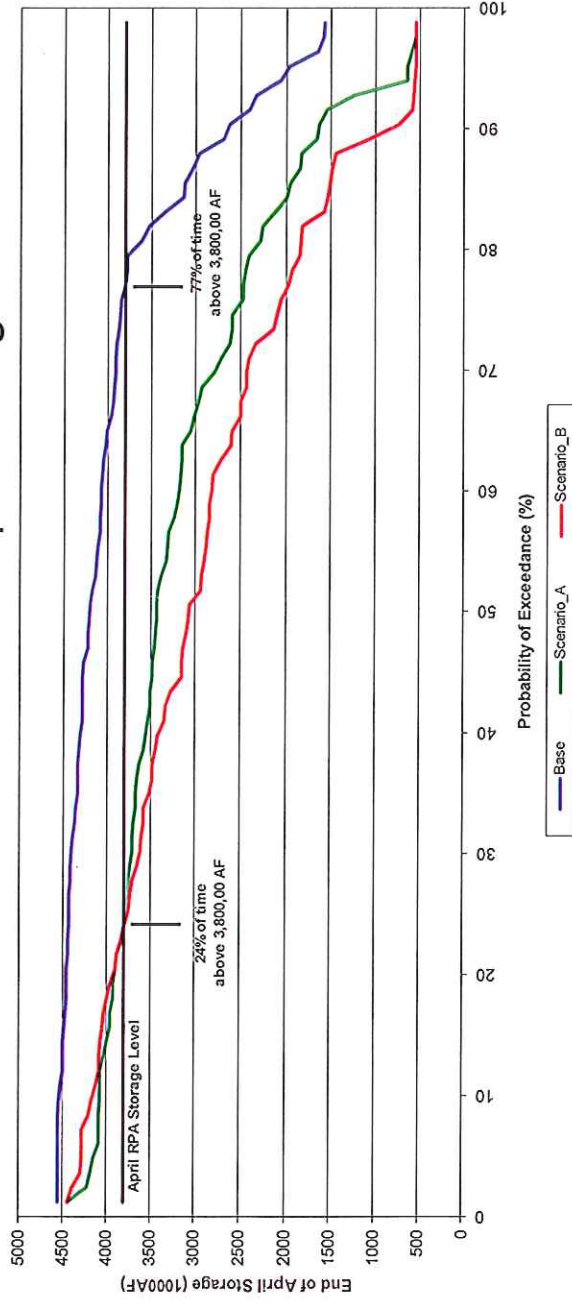
Sincerely yours,


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County of Shasta
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Shasta Lake

Shasta Lake End of April Storage



Shasta Lake End of September Storage

